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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman Tederal Communications Commission 145 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I know what it is like to have the honor of serving the great people of Michigan and advocating for the initiatives and ideas that will make their lives better. Today, the people of Michigan are in danger of losing out on the advancement of the next generation of broadband, as this technology spreads throughout the nation while missing certain areas of Michigan. At a time of challenging economic conditions, residents need every opportunity to ensure that they are not left out of vital improvements to our nation's hi-tech infrastructure.

The merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will bring high-level broadband features to more areas of our state. This new network would enable the businesses of Michigan to compete at the highest levels with a powerful mobile broadband network, which will allow businesses to create a strong base for jobs thereby helping our economy recover.

The newly boosted network will also advance the level of available healthcare through telehealth and remote monitoring services that would improve the lives of residents of all ages. This medical care on the go will help lower costs and greatly increase access to healthcare without costing a single taxpayer dollar.

Our residents need all the advantages they can get. From expanded access to the Internet and new ways to engage in healthcare, the AT&T and T-Mobile merger will touch many areas of our citizens' lives.

Respectfully yours,

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Former Congressman

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